INFORMATION WARFARE

Sharing: Basis for Partnership National Security in the Interconnected Age

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Scenario for a New Paradigm

- "Reston Telematics"
 - "If the byte's important, we handle it!"
 - Economic, Military, Political
 - Wartime = target
 - Who defends it against enemy...
 - Military / air force, navy, army, space?
 - DOD/uniformed military/national security!
 - Cyber?
 - Hmmmmm...



4 Fundamental Changes

- New geostrategic context
 - Cyberspace: new operational realm
 - Dominant in business, politics, warfare
 - Convergence
 - Digital: 11101011110001010 = lingua franca
 - Omnilinking
 - Worldwide electronic digital connectivity of people, organizations, governments...Instantly & Globally
 - Infrastructures controlled by computer
 - Opportunity....and vulnerability
 - Owned/operated by private sector
- Information power & national security



Thesis #1 "the battlespace"

- Information
 - Weapon Tool Process Target
 - more than aid to "Blast Heat Fragmentation"
 - LTG Mike Hayden, DirNSA
- Synergy
 - human factors + information technology
- Information
 - element of national power
 - operational environment



Thesis #2 "the threat"

- Modern societies are increasingly vulnerable
 - Technologically/Economically
 - Infrastructures
 - telecommunications, energy, transportation, etc.
 - Socially/Politically
 - Perception management, politics
 - "CNN Effect", "strategic influence", Al Jazeera, etc.
- Access requires BOTH technological capability AND political acceptance
 - these are different vulnerabilities
 - Halt forces as far from the battlespace as possible



Thesis #3 "the partnership"

- The Department of Defense (or MOD),
 Federal Government, and the private sector share
 - Roles
 - Responsibilities

In protecting, leveraging, exploiting: "national cyberspace" & information power



Critical Infrastructure Protection

- PCCIP to PDD 63 to National Plan to EO 13231 (CIP in Info Age)
 - Next?
 - Australia, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Canada, more
- Dependency creates the Vulnerability
 - economic, political, societal, military





Information COGs

- Critical infrastructures that support national power
 - Economic, Military, Diplomatic, Informational
 - RR, electricity, ATC, telecomms, etc
 - Crucial (hidden) role of private sector
- "Softpower"
 - Perceptions of America global and domestic
 - Media, websites, radio, TV, etc
 - Serbian media vs NATO cohesion 1999
- Joint Vision requires Information Superiority
 - "reachback", ISR, targeting, C2
 - Tanker-Airlift Control Center, Logistics C2



Chinese IW

- Distinctions between levels of war and front and rear will disappear
 - Weapons will "reach over the horizon and cross national boundaries [to attack] command centers, C3 hubs, info processing centers..and supply systems
 - "soft" [EW/IW] replacing "hard strike forces" to "interfere with/destroy other side's info and cognitive systems"
 - Chen Huan, "The Third Military Revolution", in Chinese Views of Future Warfare, www.ndu.edu



Evolving Changes

- Homeland Security
 - Cybersecurity: partnerships with whom?
 - Defensive IW within CIP: DOD roles/missions?
 - Information or Intelligence?
 - Different rules, equities, organizations
 - Focus
 - National problem...or insoluble without the international perspective?
 - International Law, Regional perspectives (ie. European Union), United Nations



Partners Must Share

- Factors critical to success
 - Foster trust & respect
 - Communications: timely, secure, etc
 - Top management must support
 - Continuity of leadership
 - Member benefits
 - GAO 02-24 "Info Sharing: practices that can benefit CIP "



Partners Must Share

- Challenges
 - Initial trust bond difficult
 - Need for agreements
 - Funding
 - Develop & Maintain member base
 - Develop & Maintain skills
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Partners Must Share

- Organizations doing it
 - Agora (Pacific NW) -- CDC
 - CERT Coordination Center -- FedCIRC
 - International Info Integrity Institute
 - InfraGard JTF-CNO NY Electronic Crimes Task
 Force North Am Electric Reliability Cncl
 - National Coord Center for Telecomms
 - Network Security Info Exchanges
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A FEW ANSWERS..... MANY MORE QUESTIONS!